AMEMDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

[0002] This application is also related to the following applications, all filed concurrently herewith and all incorporated herein by reference:

STORAGE SWITCH FOR STORAGE AREA NETWORKS, Serial No. 10/051,321, filed January 18, 2002;

SWITCH-BASED STORAGE SERVICES, Serial No. 10/051,415 <u>10/051,164</u>, filed January 18, 2002, now U.S. Pat. No. 7,185,062, issued February 27, 2007;

PACKET CLASSIFICATION IN A STORAGE SYSTEM Serial No. 10/051,093, filed January 18, 2002;

VIRTUALIZATION IN A STORAGE SYSTEM, Serial No. 10/051,396, filed January 18, 2002;

ENFORCING QUALITY OF SERVICE IN A STORAGE NETWORK, Serial No. 10/051,339, filed January 18, 2002;

POOLING AND PROVISIONING STORAGE RESOURCES IN A STORAGE NETWORK,

Serial No. 10/050,974, filed January 18, 2002, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,976,134, issued December 13, 2005; and

LOAD BALANCING IN A STORAGE NETWORK, Serial No. 10/051,053, filed January 18, 2002.